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BOOK REVIEWS

Cases on the Law of Carriers. By Professor Frederick Green, of the University of Illinois Law School. American Casebook Series, James Brown Scott, Editor. West Publishing Co., St. Paul, 1910. pp. xx, 614.

Cases on Wills, Descent and Administration. By George P. Costigan, Jr., Professor of Law in Northwestern University. Same Series. West Publishing Co., St. Paul, 1910. pp. xx, 781.

The casebook system of the study of law has rarely received as convincing a statement of its merits, as that which appears as a general preface to the American Casebook Series, by the Editor of the series, to which the two volumes above belong.

The main purpose of the series is to furnish complete and concise collections of cases on the subjects which are ordinarily required for admission to the bar, and taught in our law schools. The authors' list is a notable one, and comprises names which are recognized nation-wide as authorities.

Of the two volumes under review, the casebook on Carriers is a well-chosen selection of the English and American cases upon this subject and introductory topics. The many phases of this modern and everchanging branch of the law are recorded, and frequent footnotes supplement the necessary omissions in the main text. In an appendix appear a copy of the report of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the matter of Bills of Lading, and the forms recommended by that board for uniform adoption.

Professor Costigan has essayed a large task, in attempting to give us cases covering the law of Wills, Descent and Administration in a volume of less than eight hundred pages. For the number of decisions in the English and American courts upon this subject runs far into the thousands, and the number of differing rules is not much less. The learned author has included nearly three hundred cases, representing diverse jurisdictions, and appears to have covered the field in an excellent manner. The arrangement of cases is logical, and the foot-notes valuable. The English statutory provisions upon these subjects appear in the appendix.

The series is not designed with a principal eye to the practitioner, but for the student and professor of the law. If the succeeding volumes come up to the high standard set by these two, the work will be one of the most successful contributions to the preliminary study of the law that our country has produced.

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Forms, Rules and General Orders in Bankruptcy. Collated, Revised and Annotated by Marshall S. Hagar, of the New York Bar, and Thomas Alexander, Clerk of the United States District Court. Matthew Bender & Co., Albany, 1910. pp. li, 747.

Bankruptcy law in this country is one of the largest branches of commercial law, as is evidenced by the number of treatises, case-books and formbooks which make an annual contribution to the literature of this topic. Not of least importance among these are formbooks. The present volume, from its size, thoroughness, and authority, is almost indispensable to the practicing bankruptcy lawyer, who had rather rely upon forms sanctioned and construed by authority, than upon his best individual efforts to prepare forms which will follow the statutes.

The book is copiously annotated, and contains the Rules in Bankruptcy of some twenty districts throughout the country, and the General Orders in Bankruptcy of the United States Supreme Court. The arrangement of the forms is logical and exhaustive.

As a practical formbook, the work will rank high.

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Street Railway Reports Annotated. Vol. VI. Edited by Melvin Bender and Harold J. Hinman, of the Albany Bar. Matthew Bender & Company, Albany, N. Y., 1910. pp. 910.

This is the sixth volume of a series of reports intended to cover the electric railway and street railway decisions of the Federal and State courts in the United States. The editors have considerably augmented the value of the work by adding special footnotes, of generous proportions, to most of the decisions, very much after the familiar manner of the *Lawyers' Reports Annotated*. Not all the cases have been treated as of equal importance. Those of minor importance have been treated more briefly in about a hundred and fifty pages of "Cases Not Reported in Full."